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In re Application of:)	Divisional application of Serial No. 10/043,056,
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR BIOLOGICAL TREATMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS AND WASTE

July 28, 2003

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Entry of the following amendments in advance of a first Office Action on the merits respectfully is solicited.

Please amend the application as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/043,056, filed January 8, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-15 and 17-40.